

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE November 3, 2022 — MINUTES

Council Members Present

Lora Taylor
Mary Durham, Council Chair
Erica Brown, HHSC/Medicaid
Ronnie Browning
Debbie Carlisle
Bill Coorsh
Gladys Cortez
Kyle Cox
Maverick Crawford, III
Andrew Crim
Ivy Goldstein, DSHS
Sean Jackson, DRTX
Juan Carlos Lopez
Scott McAvoy
Amanda Miles
Meagan Orsag, Texas A&M
CDD
Angie Panzica
Michael Peace
Justin Porter, TEA
Holly Riley, HHSC/Older
Americans Act
Robert Schier III
Jonas Schwartz, TWC
Eric Shahid
Meridith Silcox

Council Members Absent

Holly Riley, HHSC/Older
Americans Act

Guests Present

Floyd Browning
Elizabeth Danner
Mary Gonzalez
Amy Litzinger
Linda Litzinger
Christine Reyes
Shelly Townsend

Regional Coordinators

Present
Erin Fogarty
Morgan Foster
Rosa Guel

Canen Melton
Skyler Mueller
Shelby Vaughn

Staff Present

Beth Stalvey, Executive
Director
Kai Brewer
Scott Daigle
Lauren Gerken
Sabrina Gonzalez
Crystal Goodwin
Genessee Klemm
Le Lien
Linda Logan
Evan Marczynski
Sylvia Medina
Richard Rendon
Fernando Rodriguez
Mary Rochford
Melanie Teague
Brianna TenBrink
Rey Valldejuli
Koren Vogel

Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities convened on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at the Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027 as well as virtually using the Zoom platform. Council Chair Mary Durham called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. **Introductions**

Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

2. **Public Comments**

The Committee of the Whole received public comments from Linda Litzinger

informing the Council on her request for legislation that would prevent law enforcement from releasing 17-year-old individuals with disabilities as adults and require their release to a parent or guardian. The Committee also received public comment from Amy Litzinger on attendant care issues.

3. **Developing Council Member Leadership**

Council members participated in activities designed to increase their knowledge of TCDD activities, policies, and history while promoting engagement among members.

4. **Legislative Preview with State Lawmakers**

TCDD Public Policy Director Scott Daigle introduced Texas State Representative Mary Gonzalez who provided an outlook on issues for the 88th Texas Legislature. Members discussed TCDD Policy Priorities with Gonzalez and how these issues might be addressed by lawmakers.

5. **Talking About TCDD: How to Get Past the Acronym**

TCDD Community Engagement Director Genessee Klemm led members in activities designed to promote public speaking about TCDD. Klemm discussed crafting a strong introduction and key elements to include in messaging about TCDD.

Adjourn

Council Chair Durham adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:12 p.m.

Beth Stalvey, Secretary to the Council Date